



The Art of Being a Military Child



ARTWORK · FILM · WRITING

Open to all military-connected children, kindergarten through high school.



ARTWORK

Selected submissions in the visual arts will be featured in art exhibits at the Military Child Education Coalition™ 2007 Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Art may also appear in the conference program, annual calendar, MCEC's™ *On the Move*™ magazine, or other MCEC™ publications. Artwork should be 8-1/2" by 11" or smaller, and may be in color or black and white, in the medium of your choice.



FILM

Selected film entries will be considered for the "Reel Military" Youth Film and Video Festival, July 13, 2007 at the MCEC™ Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Rules and regulations are included, and an official entry form may be downloaded from www.MilitaryChild.org.



WRITING: POETRY AND ESSAYS

Selected poetry will be published in the Military Child Education Coalition™ 2007 *Touching the Hearts of Children Anthology*, and may also be considered for the 2007 Annual Military Child Education Coalition™ conference program, as well as other publications such as MCEC's™ *On The Move*™ quarterly magazine or annual calendar.

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Themes preferred but not limited to:

- Patriotism
- Family experiences, traditions, cultural experiences, or adventures
- Transitions, moving, deployment
- Pride in dad and/or mom
- Future plans
- Connections with people
- Resilience
- Pride in being a military child
- Core values
- Your community or school
- Helping others

A completed permission form will be required for consideration of submission in any category. If your work is selected for use, contact information will be used to notify you. Be sure to include your **name, grade, teacher's name, school name, parent's name** and **phone number, mailing address** with **city, state/country**, and **zip code**. Parents are asked to update the MCEC™ if contact information changes. Submissions will not be returned, so don't send your only copy!

Deadline:

All submissions are due no later than February 1, 2007. Entries should be original, unpublished work.

Mail submissions to:

Military Child Education Coalition; 108 East FM 2410 Suite D; Harker Heights, TX 76548

If you have any questions please contact us at (254) 953-1923.



ENTER THE "REEL MILITARY" YOUTH FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL

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Deadline for entries: February 1, 2007

Rules and Regulations

- The MCEC's™ 2007 "Reel Military" Youth Film and Video Festival will take place on July 13, 2007 in Kansas City, Missouri. Selected entries will be screened at this event. Though there is no guarantee, selected entries may also be screened on future dates in Washington, DC, at schools and military bases domestically and abroad, and on local PBS stations around the country.
- The MCEC's™ "Reel Military" Youth Film Festival is an independent festival organized by the Military Child Education Coalition™.
- The festival seeks to educate the general public about the unique experiences of U.S. military family life as seen through the eyes of children.
- The festival is open to any student enrolled in the first grade through college.
- All entries must address a topic related to the U.S. military experience.
- All entries must be between three and six minutes long.
- A completed entry form must accompany all entries. Forms may be downloaded at www.MilitaryChild.org.
- There are no specific entry categories. We welcome animation, claymation, narrative, documentary, music video, experimental, etc. to showcase your creativity.
- Gratuitous violence, profanity, and tobacco/substance abuse are grounds for disqualification from the festival.
- All dialogue and narration must be in English or subtitled in English.
- No entry fee is required.
- Works may have originated on any film or video format, but must be submitted for preview on either VHS or DVD (NTSC). Preview tapes and DVDs must be labeled with the title, running time and contact information (name and phone number). Do not send a master copy until you are notified.
- Entry forms are to be postmarked on or before **February 1, 2007** and are to be accompanied by a filmmaker's biography, cast and crew list, and one VHS or DVD copy for screening purposes. The preview tapes and DVDs will not be returned unless requested.
- All entrants will be notified by **April 1, 2007**.
- If your video is accepted into the festival, you will be asked to provide a DVCAM or mini-DV tape of the video, two stills from the video, and a photograph of yourself. All materials must be received by May 1, 2007.
- Selected entries will be awarded with certificates of participation.
- Entrants must have primary creative control of their submission, and all audio and visual material must be original.
- Entrants must obtain appropriate permissions from all persons appearing in film.
- MCEC™ has permission to exhibit, broadcast, cable cast, or World Wide Web broadcast all entries. Additionally, MCEC™ has permission to use photographs and images from entries in publicity materials and on its Web site.
- Entrants agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless MCEC™ from all damages and liabilities incurred arising out of the content and matter contained in their film/video.
- The submission of an entry implies acceptance of these regulations.
- Entries should be mailed to: Military Child Education Coalition™
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Harker Heights, Texas 76548



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Entry Form

Please print clearly. If we can't read it, we can't contact you! Use one entry form for each film or video you send us.

FILM OR VIDEO INFORMATION

Title: _____

How long is the film or video (in minutes)? _____

Where did you make the film (city, state, country)? _____

What kind of film or video is it? (please check one):

- ☐ Animation ☐ Documentary ☐ Music Video ☐ Other _____
☐ Claymation ☐ Experimental ☐ Narrative (fiction/drama)

☐ Please attach a short synopsis of your film or video. What is it about?

What kind of preview tape have you enclosed?

- ☐ VHS (NTSC) tape ☐ DVD (NTSC)

If your film or video is selected for the festival, you will need to send us a copy of your movie on one of the following formats. Which one can you send us?*

- ☐ DVCAM ☐ mini-DV

***Note:** You must be able to send us your movie in one of these formats if selected. If you cannot, your movie is not eligible for consideration.

What is your movie's original format (what kind of film or videotape did you shoot on)? _____

FILMMAKER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Street: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

How old were you when you made this film or video? _____ What grade are you in? _____

Where do you go to school? _____

- ☐ Please attach a short biography - tell us about yourself!
☐ Please also attach a list of names, ages and roles of all persons involved in making the film/video.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____

Street: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

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RELEASE & AGREEMENT

By signing below, you agree that:

- All information you provided on this entry form is true and accurate.
- All audio and visual material produced is original.
- You are the owner of the film/video entered, and you made this film/video with little or no adult input.
- MCEC™ can exhibit, broadcast, cable cast, World Wide Web broadcast your film/video. Additionally, MCEC™ can use photographs and images from your film/video in its publicity materials and on its Web site.
- You will indemnify, defend and hold harmless MCEC™ from all damages and liabilities incurred arising out of the content and matter contained in the film/video.
- If your film/video is selected you will provide a copy of your work on DVCAM or mini-DV tape by **May 1, 2007**.
- You have read the rules and regulations of the festival.

After reading, please check the boxes below:

- ☐ **I have read the rules and regulations of the festival.**
- ☐ **I have read, understand and agree to the above release and agreement.**

Filmmaker Signature (required): _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (required): _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Completed entry form
- ☐ Attach short biography
- ☐ Attach short synopsis
- ☐ Attach list of names, ages and roles of all persons involved in production (cast and crew)
- ☐ Enclose a clearly labeled DVD or VHS tape of film/video



MAIL TO:

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Harker Heights, Texas 76548

All entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2007 to be eligible for the festival!



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ARTWORK WRITING: POETRY OR ESSAY



Deadline for entries: February 1, 2007

CALL FOR ARTWORK & POETRY/WRITING

MCEC™ is looking for children's artwork, poems, and essays. Selected submissions in the visual arts will be featured in art exhibits at the Military Child Education Coalition™ 2007 Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Selected art, poetry, and essays may also appear in the conference program, annual calendar, MCEC's™ *On the Move™* magazine, or other MCEC™ publications. Selected poetry and essays will be published in the Military Child Education Coalition™ *2007 Touching the Hearts of Children Anthology*.

To ensure the child and school receives proper recognition, make sure all the guidelines are met. The entries will be jury selected. Entries will not be returned.

Entry Guidelines:

1. All artwork, poems, or essays must be related to being a military child.
2. We will accept only original artwork and poetry from any child grades Pre-k through 12th.
3. We will not accept submissions that are e-mailed or on disk. All work must be in its original form.
4. Please do not submit any work that is copied from a book, the Web, or clipart.
5. For Artwork: Please use BRIGHT COLORS or DARK, BOLD designs. Limit the size of the paper to 8 1/2 x 11.
6. All work must have a permission form signed by the parent, and attached to artwork, poetry, or essay.
7. Use only the permission form provided by MCEC™.
8. All work must be clearly labeled on the back with the following information:
 - a. Child's name
 - b. Grade
 - c. Teacher
 - d. School
 - e. School Address
 - f. Contact number
9. Entries should be mailed to: Military Child Education Coalition™
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10. All entries must be received by **February 1, 2007**.



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Please print clearly. If we can't read it, we can't contact you!

Permission Form:

☐ I grant MCEC permission to use my child's artwork/poetry/essay in MCEC™ publications.

PLEASE PRINT CHILD'S NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS

Name of child: _____

Signature of parent: _____

Home address: _____

City/state/country: _____

Phone #: _____

Please check: ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Marines ☐ Air Force ☐ Coast Guard
☐ National Guard & Reserve



PLEASE PRINT CHILD'S SCHOOL INFORMATION

School name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher's name: _____

School address: _____

Please staple this form to submission. Each submission must have the attached permission form to be considered.